IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Schmutz, et al. Group Art Unit: 1634

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Honourable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Sir:

RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008.

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